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LEGAL MARKETPLACE ANALYSIS | Future Leaders

For the first time, we highlight standout practitioners in the litigation field aged 45 or younger who would otherwise go unrecognised in our listings. As future leaders in the market, they are recognised for their innovative and outstanding work in contentious dispute resolution. We list a total of 150 lawyers this year, across the partner and non-partner sections, in 34 jurisdictions overall.

METHODOLOGY

WWL does not list firms, only individual lawyers. The leading firms are those in each region whose listed practitioners received the most total nominations in our research. We highlight individuals at other firms who also scored very highly in our research.

EUROPE – PARTNERS

Most Highly Regarded

1. Stefan Leimgruber
Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd
Zurich

2. Michael Bösch
Thouvenin Rechtsanwälte KLG
Zurich

3. Clément Dupoirier
Herbert Smith Freehills
Paris

4. Michael Byrne
Matheson
Dublin

5. Adam Zoubir
Byrne and Partners
London

LEADING FIRMS

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

An elite global firm with an impressive showing across Europe this year, with three practitioners gaining recognition.

Moritz Becker is hailed by peers as an “excellent litigation practitioner”, with sources highlighting his “good commercial sense” and “strong presence in court”.

Craig Montgomery is noted for his outstanding restructuring and insolvency litigation work, with a particular specialisation in aviation matters and cross-border disputes.

Hans-Patrick Schroeder is a a litigation specialist who is acknowledged for his experience and talent in the field, with one source describing him as a “strong opponent” and “definitely a future leader”.

Schellenberg Wittmer

A strong name in the competitive Swiss market, the firm receives two listings in our research.

Stefan Leimgruber is recognised by peers as a “star” and “a pleasure to work with” while others note his “solid and profound legal know-how”.

Louis Burrus is highlighted for his outstanding abilities as a litigator, with sources calling him a “rising star for investigations” and “one of the promising newcomers in banking litigation”.

Thouvenin Rechtsanwälte

Another standout firm in Switzerland, with two practitioners listed here.

The “outstanding” **Michael Bösch** boasts a broad and expert practice representing clients on both a domestic and an international scale on a range of high-value and complex disputes.

Patrick Rohn receives widespread praise from peers and clients alike, as interviewees commend his “strong analytical and strategic skills” and note that he is “very thorough indeed, with a complete grasp of the law involved”.

Matheson

This firm is a major player in the Irish market and has two practitioners recognised.

The “excellent” **Michael Byrne** has a well-developed litigation practice where

his specialisations include defamation and product liability actions.

Claire McLoughlin is a regulatory specialist who excels in advising clients on contentious issues. Her expertise in the financial sector is particularly notable, with substantial experience acting for banks and financial services providers on a range of sophisticated cases.

Hannes Snellman

This top Nordic firm sees two lawyers listed.

Kimmo Heikkinen is recognised by peers for his significant expertise in dispute resolution, particularly in commercial disputes arising from energy and infrastructure contracts and agreements.

Anders Bygglin draws praise for his expertise in M&A-related litigation in matters as well as construction and labour and employment disputes. He has notable experience representing clients at all levels of the Finnish courts.